

News Highlights, October 5-11

US Airways Magazine

Mixed Media: At SECCA, you never know what you will find

The October 2012 issue of US Airways Magazine showcases the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, in addition to some of the other wonderful cultural offerings in the Winston-Salem area. The feature on SECCA begins on page 146. Read more here.

Charlotte Observer

Creating with... Ryan Buyssens

Kinetic artist Ryan Buyssens is on the move, just like his dynamic art pieces. Since receiving the 2012-13 N.C. Arts Council Artist Fellowship Award, which includes a \$10,000 grant, Buyssens has been working on a project best described as a living wheel. The UNC Charlotte lecturer... hopes his art will inspire viewers to think about time and space. Read more here.

Richmond County Daily Journal

Sleep under the stars at Town Creek Indian Mound

On Oct. 20, astronomy-lovers and nature enthusiasts will get the chance to spend a night under the stars at Town Creek Indian Mound's Shooting Stars Sleepover. Participants can camp on the grounds, view a movie based on an ancient Cherokee legend, and catch a glimpse of the Orionid meteor shower. Read more here.

The Jamestown News

Bringing history to life at the library

Some people may not consider history amusing, but Randell Jones certainly made it seem that way as he shared tales of the "Famous and Infamous Women of North Carolina" during a talk at the Jamestown Public Library Oct. 2. In 2004 Jones and his then-teenage daughter co-edited the book Scoundrels, Rogues and Heroes of the Old North State, a collection of stories written by Dr. H.G. Jones, former director of North Carolina State Department of Archives and History. Read more here.

The Sampson Independent

'Johnny has Gone for a Soldier' at Bentonville Battlefield Oct. 20

The rustle of leaves and the crackle of the open hearth will greet visitors to Bentonville Battlefield for the site's civilian living history program and fall festival on Oct. 20. The free program will include demonstrations by costumed interpreters and a festival atmosphere that will offer wagon rides provided by End of the Drive Mule Farm, period carnival games, corn shucking contest, town ball (a form of 19th Century baseball) and more! Read more here.

Beach Carolina Magazine

Former NASA Scientist-Astronaut Thornton Donates Items to N.C. Museum of History

UNC Press Blog

North Carolina Icons: Thomas Wolfe

This week our North Carolina icon is Thomas Wolfe, best known for his novel Look Homeward, Angel. Wolfe is number 12 on Our State magazine's list of 100 North Carolina Icons. You can visit his home in Asheville, which is a North Carolina Historic Site. The State Library of North Carolina has more information on Wolfe and other North Carolina icons. Read more here.

News & Observer

N.C Symphony's quirky mix hits right notes at UNC Memorial Hall

"Capricious" best describes the N.C. Symphony concert Friday – based on the nature of the compositions as well as their selection and organization. Conductor Grant Llewellyn used the term when he told the audience that, because the pieces were personal favorites, he had tried finding connections among them after choosing them. The six short works, most from the first half of the 20th century, made for intriguing listening, one rivetingly so. Read more here.

The Pilot

N.C. Literary Hall of Fame to Induct Three

Best-selling poet and memoirist Maya Angelou, former state poet laureate Kathryn Stripling Byer, and 18th-century explorer and naturalist John Lawson will be inducted into the North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame this fall. The induction ceremony will be held 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities in Southern Pines, where the NCLHOF is housed. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Read more here.

New Bern Sun Journal

Tribute honors Tryon Palace retiring director

Spotlights illuminated Tryon Palace Thursday night but even brighter lights were shining from nearby North Carolina History Center as friends and supporters paid tribute to historic site director Kay Williams. The center's Cullman Performance Hall was packed for the tribute by present and previous members of Tryon Palace Commission, Council of Friends and historic sites and History Center supporters and benefactors. Read more here and here and <a href=here.

The Outer Banks Voice

First Bluegrass Festival entertains a sellout crowd

The first Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival was a sellout Saturday as a crowd estimated at 3,000 enjoyed seven musical performances under perfect skies. The festival started at 11 a.m. and the crowd grew at Roanoke Island Festival Park in the hours leading up to headliners Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. Read more here.

Fayetteville Observer

Editorial: War Talk - Museum to become state's Civil War center

Quick: Where is the state museum that's nearest to Fayetteville? If you didn't know that it's in Fayetteville, that's just one useful discovery the day holds for you. The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is developing plans to remake and rename itself. If the plans come to fruition, it will become bigger. Better. Unique among the state's regional museums and, initially, anyway, nationwide. Read more here.

The Pilot

Project Provides Library Patrons With Access To More Than 200,000 eBooks

North Carolina libraries, including Moore County Library, and NC LIVE have teamed up with San Francisco-based nonprofit Internet Archive on a project that gives library patrons free access to a large downloadable e-book collection. ... State Librarian Cal Shepard has worked to encourage North Carolina's 198 public and academic libraries to participate. Shepard hopes that all North Carolinians will find value in the expanded access to digital content. Read more here.

The Durham News

Tracie Fellers: GWTW behind the scenes

Confession: I have been at least mildly obsessed with "Gone with the Wind" since reading Margaret Mitchell's epic novel sometime during my last couple of years of high school. ... So when I heard that a major "Gone with the Wind" exhibit was coming to Raleigh's N.C. Museum of History last month, I knew I'd have to head over and check it out. Read more here.